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Subject: RE: POHA: question on monitoring data
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[Dioxin Sampling_0509.pdf](#)
[Public Announcement of dredging practices EPA COE TCEQ 11.09.pdf](#)

Stephen,

In response to question 1:

The Port of Houston Authority has a sediment sampling procedure document that I have attached to this email. The procedure document provides information on the required number of samples, the allowable representative volume, and the required analysis including dioxin. The procedures are the same for all of our dredge placement areas including Lost Lake.

The Port of Houston Authority has received dredge material into Lost Lake from one private entity that conducted the dioxin sampling since 2009. I have attached the dioxin data associated with that dredge material for your review. The dioxin data is evaluated using the guidance levels provided by the joint EPA/TCEQ/ACOE Public Notice document dated October 21, 2009, also attached for your reference.

In response to question 2:

I will be the point of contact for the Port of Houston Authority, my contact information is available below.

Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Thank you,
Nicole

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Hi Nicole:

Thanks for the quick response. We have some additional questions and a high level request to meet with POHA:

1) What's the reporting and evaluation process for the dioxin/furan sampling as required on the dredged materials intended for any of the POHA sites since 2009? And, specifically on the dredged materials that were intended and disposed of in Lost Lake, what is the process for EPA to obtain this POHA required sampling data?

2) The EPA R6 Superfund Division Director (Sam Coleman) and the EPA R6 Water Quality Protection Division Director (Miguel Flores) would like to meet with POHA sometime in March to discuss the latest developments concerning the San Jacinto site and the HSC-GB watershed. The USACE Galveston District Commander (Colonel Christopher Salles) and the TCEQ will most likely be involved as well.

Would you be the appropriate personnel to coordinate this meeting on behalf of POHA? If so, you'll be working with myself, Casey Cutler/USACE, and a personnel from TCEQ to finalize this meeting for the requestors. Let me know, thanks.

Thanks,

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Stephen,

The Port of Houston Authority does not monitor in Lost Lake for dioxin/furans, however starting in 2009 PHA has required all sediment sampling for dredge material that is intended to go into one of our sites to include dioxin/furan sampling.

Please let me know if you have any other questions.

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